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Item 5

Location Number: ES 011

Location: Gilbert  
Coordinates: 38°11' / 117°42' T5N R38E  
Elevation: 6200'  
Map Sources: USGS Gilbert Quadrangle; Erickson County Map; Nevada Map Atlas  
References: Carlson; Paher; Site Investigation 8/9/77  
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Status: Potential National Register Site

Gilbert is on the northern slope of the Monte Cristo Range in a high desert area whose granular-to-rocky soil supports a scrub-shrub vegetation. The site is in a gradually sloping area of rounded but rugged hills. In 1925, gold was discovered and a town site was platted. The town prospered for a few years, but by 1929 the population had declined markedly. Some turquoise mining was done at the site in later years.

The road from Gilbert to Crow Springs runs from south to north through the site and then turns eastward. To the east and south of the road are mines and associated structures. The area to the north and west contains residential and storage buildings. A large amount of debris -- including railroad timber, piles of wood, barrels, fuel tanks, stoves, car bodies, beds, -- litters the site.

There are 11 structures at Gilbert as well as the ruins of dugouts, wooden shacks, and mining superstructures: a stone ruin, four dugouts in good condition, four wood-frame structures, and two headframes. The 12-foot-square stone ruin consists of freestanding walls, approximately 20 inches thick, whose average height varies from 2-1/2 to 4-1/2 feet. The largest of the dugouts is 10' x 8'. Its stone and mud-chinked walls are 5 feet thick and rise 1 foot above ground level; their height on the interior is 7 feet.

Of the four wood-frame structures, the most substantial is a single-story residence about 19' x 17' x 11-1/2' high with a north-south trending long axis. The walls are board and batten covered with tar paper; the interior is vertical and horizontal wood and pressed-wood panels. The floor is tongue-and-groove hardwood on a mud-sill foundation. The roof is covered



with metal over 2" x 4" rafters. Fenestration is 2% on the south and west and 5% on the east. There is no opening on the north elevation. Near this structure are two adjoining wood-frame buildings that are 10 feet high: one a 15' x 10' garage and the other a storage building 12' x 9'. The

latter structure contains large numbers of boxes filled with granite drill samples.

Two miles south of Gilbert, the site of a major mining operation is marked by a metal shack 9' x 7' x 6' high, a timber dump chute approximately 60' to 80' long, and a hoist ramp with two steel rails approximately 100 feet long on which cable cars were pulled up. There is also a concrete foundation slab 12' x 12' and concrete piers about 2 feet high and 14 inches square, perhaps the ruin of a mill structure.